**Grandpa O's Life story**

There are many people in the world that inspire me, but one person that I look up to in my life is my Grandpa Obrecht. As I found in my interview, my grandpa has had a number of occupations and has much change in technology and in the economy.

Growing up for my Grandpa was much different than it would be today. Life was very plain compared to today's standards. When he was young most of his free time was spent playing with the neighbor kids enjoying games that they invented themselves. For example, they would play a form of baseball which had a few twists because they didn't have the right amount of people to actually play. He also spent time building model boats and airplanes and playing with a few toys that he had. At home his mother took care of the house and his father worked to provide for the family.

Family morals was an important aspect of their life. Family meals were times to catch up with the day's activities and people went home for lunch and dinner on a daily basis. At this time they would talk and eat as a family telling each other about their day.

Schools were much different as well. Schools were divided according to where you lived. Children who lived in the country went to a school in the country, and town children went to a school in town. There was only one teacher per grade level in the town schools where my grandpa went. Also, The entire elementary, junior high, and high school were in one building. This is very different compared to the class sizes and amount of teachers today.

As my Grandpa grew up many changes started taking place in the technology area. When he was young he listened to the radio for entertainment and news. The black and white television was invented and the television signal was received through an antenna that was placed on the roof of their house. Other developments that came along during his early years were typewriters which were the closest thing to a computer.

Grandpa O. had many different occupations throughout his life which started out at an early age. My grandpa's very first job as a child was delivering newspapers on his bike. He would ride his bike to the train station where the papers were delivered, then he would ride his bike through town and deliver the papers to those who were on his route. First he delivered the afternoon paper, but then switched to delivering in the morning because of a better pay. He delivered papers for a number of years.

Once out of high school my Grandpa enlisted in the Navy. During his 4 years in the Navy he worked in the weather department. His main job was to visually identify clouds of which he reported 4 times a day. This information was entered on weather maps and sent to stations all over the world so aircraft would have information before they flew. During this time he also sent up weather balloons with radios attached to retrieve weather readings, this would also be recorded on weather maps. He sent out weather information during the Korean War. During his stay with the Navy he traveled throughout the United States being stationed in the Midwest, Alaska and California. After his four years he choose to leave and was discharged.

After, he attended a small school in Iowa. He studied business and achieved a degree in business. He moved to Chicago and started working in a Federal Reserve Bank. While working with the Federal Reserve Bank he met my Grandma who worked in a bank in Wausau, Wisconsin. Soon they started to date and eventually he asked my grandma to marry him. After they got married they moved to Iowa where my Grandpa started working in a bank in a small town named Holstein . He enjoyed working with the people there, helping them achieve their goals by allowing them to get loans.

During their stay in Holstein they had one child named Tom, my Dad. He was a good kid growing up and rarely got into trouble(even though he has a plethora of stories that he told me when he was mischievous). Raising kids back then was different then and discipline was carried out in school by the teacher and principal. My Grandma was a stay at home mom which was very common in those days, taking care of the house, as well as cleaning and making meals for the day. As my dad grew up and attended collage he met my mom and now my grandpa has two wonderful grandchildren.

As I spoke with my Grandpa, he gave me some advice to help me in the future. He told me how important certain values are in life. Some of these include working hard to achieve your goals and to appreciate all the things I have in today's world. We all need to appreciate and respect those around us. I have known that my Grandpa is a well- rounded person that is helpful to others and always respects other's opinions. From his advice I have learned to shoot for my dreams and work hard to reach them. I have also learned to be appreciative of others and be thankful for my gifts in life, just like my grandpa.